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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2059

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: WHEREABOUTS OF SAM NUJOMA

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH MOSES GAROEB, ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY OF SWAPO, EVENING OF JULY 15, HE SAID THAT
NUJOMA WAS IN LAGOS AND EXPECTED BACK IN LUSAKA JULY 17.

2. GAROEB WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT SWAPO RESENTMENT AT
THE WAY CONTACT GROUP DEALINGS WITH SWAPO HAVE BEEN CON-
DUCTED. HE WAS ESPECIALLY EXERCISED AT NUJOMA HAVING BEEN
APPROACHED IN LIBREVILLE ABOUT THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH
THE CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK. WHY, HE ASKED, WAS THIS
DONE AFTER NUJOMA HAD MADE CLEAR THAT SWAPO DEALINGS WITH
THE CONTACT GROUP SHOULD BE THROUGH ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN
NEW YORK? IT APPEARED TO SWAPO THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WAS
ATTEMPTING TO DICTATE THE TIME OF THE MEETING; DIDN'T
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THE CONTACT GROUP RECOGNIZE THAT SWAPO HAD URGENT INTERESTS
WHICH HAD TO BE ATTENDED TO? WHY ALL THE HURRY? SWAPO
WANTED TO BE SURE THAT IT WAS COMPLETELY PREPARED BEFORE
ANY MEETING TOOK PLACE. SWAPO ALSO WANTED IT TO BE KNOWN
THAT IT WANTED TO DEAL ON THE BASIS OF WRITTEN DOCUMENTS
WHEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONTACT GROUP DID TAKE PLACE.
WE RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS A CLEAR NEED TO MAINTAIN

MOMENTUM IF A SETTLEMENT WAS INDEED GOING TO BE REACHED AND URGED UPON HIM SWAPO'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMING UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR NEW YORK MEETINGS IF THE ONE PROPOSED WAS NOT CONVENIENT. HE SAID SWAPO WOULD DO SO, BUT HE IMPLIED SWAPO WOULD NOT BE IN ANY HURRY.

COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT GAROEB WAS REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF SWAPO'S LEADERSHIP, PERHAPS INCLUDING NUJOMA HIMSELF. THEIR MOTIVATION IN DRAGGING HEELS OVER THE NEW YORK MEETING IS NOT CLEAR. IT MAY STEM FROM A FEAR THAT THEY WILL BE MANEUVERED INTO A POSITION WHERE THEY WILL BE COMPELLED TO REFUSE A FORMULA FOR NAMIBIA WHICH APPEARS REASONABLE TO MOST EVERYONE EXCEPT SWAPO, WHICH WANTS COMPLETE POWER WITH NO RISKS.
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